

# REASONS<sup>20</sup>

*For supporting the Resolves of the Committee of the Honourable House of Commons for laying Duties upon Bricks, Tyles, Lime, &c. Humbly Offered.*

*No Peace without War, no War without Money, Therefore Money must be had.*

I. **T**HE Objections against laying a Duty upon Bricks, Tyles, Slate, and Lime, Ragg and Paving Stone, are little Different from what may be said against any other Tax.

II. That the Duty proposed will make neither Bricks nor Tyles any thing dearer, then they are now at *Hamstead*: Where as well as other places at the same Distance: they build largely and strong with Brick.

III. That on the Slate, Lime, Ragg and Paving Stones, the Duty is but about half in proportion to the Bricks and Tyles at *Hamstead*, or Places adjacent to *London* about the same Distance.

IV. That in *London* Buildings they use much less Quantities of Bricks and Tyles then out of *London*, many Houses have but their Chimneys, and part of their Fronts made of Bricks, for that their Shop Windows below and the large Sashes above, and many of them use no Tyles above, but cover with Lead partly for their Pleasure of Flower Pots and Prospect, and for drying their Cloaths.

V. The numerous Kettels, Boylers, Coppers and such like Furnaces, tho' amongst them they use vast quantities of Bricks and Lime, they will scarcely feel the Duty imposed, for they now pay about the same price to the Bricklayers for Bricks, Tyles, and Lime as the Duty amounts unto, so that very few Bricks Tyles or Lime will be used less then now are.

VI. That the Corporation of the City of *London*, of and for the Mineral and Battery Works, who have their Office and Officers versed in such Mineral Works, and offer to collect the said Duty and pay it into her Majesties Exchequer Monthly for Eighteen pence *per* pound Sterling, let it amount to what it will be it more or less, so that Her Majesty will have Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence *per* pound clear of all Charges;

VII. Besides the said Duty will cause other Advantages to the Crown, for that it may give an opportunity to lay Duties upon Earths, Sands, and other Minerals exported, and upon all Bricks, Tyles, Slates, Clinkers, Earthen Wares, Purfaline Wares and melting Pots, imported which will be considerable Duties to her Majesty, and encourage the Brittish Mineral Manufactures, and scarcely any Workmen will be the less employ'd but more Windows made and Timber Deals and Iron more used by laying these Impositions aforesaid.

VIII. This last will be collected as Customs by her Majesties present Officers without any further Charge, and the Officers of the said Mineral Society will survey the same into or at the Stypend or Allowance aforesaid.

IX. This said Corporation can afford to collect the Duties of the Bricks, Tyles, &c. made here, and surveigh the Exportation of Brick Earths, and other Minerals &c. exported, and foreign Bricks, Tiles, Clinker, Earthen or Mineral Baked Ware and cheaper. Imported than any other Office or Commission can, 1. Because their Office cost the Queen nothing, 2. That the greatest Part of their Officers are already under their Pay, and understand those Minerals and Mineral Works, better than others being well versed therein, and have sufficient time to make surveighs and the exact Accounts of the same Registred in the said Office ready to be produced in Parliament whensoever commended thereunto.

10. That the said Office and Officers being thus employed and encouraged, will be rendred more capable of making such further Observations and Improvements: As may enable them to lay a Scheme for another Tax or Duty on some other Minerals and Mineral Works against next Sessions.



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